

CALFRESH REQUEST FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION**PI# 18-13**

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Retain a copy for your records and submit via email to CalFresh-PI@dss.ca.gov.

Please note: the policy interpretation provided is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be assumed to apply in all scenarios.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 02/05/2018	NEED RESPONSE BY: 02/23/2018
	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: San Joaquin County Human Services Agency	
	7. SUBJECT: Economic Security Project	
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). ACIN I-58-13, ACL 12-25 page 25	
3. PHONE NO.: EMAIL:		
4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-502.14		
9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY): <p>https://economicsecurityproject.org/ The Economic Security Project and the City of Stockton will be giving several dozen families \$500 a month for a year as a part of a program to study the economic and social impacts of giving people a basic income. The program in Stockton will track what residents do with the money (it is NOT being given for a specified purpose) and how having a universal basic income affects their self esteem and identity.</p> <p>How is this income counted in CalFresh?</p>		

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

The income can be reasonably anticipated and would count as unearned income because the amount (\$500), source (Economic Security Project), and timing (monthly) is known. It would NOT need to be reported mid-period (unless it put the family over IRT), but would need to be reported at application, SAR 7 and RE.

ACL 12-25 - "Income is "reasonably anticipated" when the recipient and the CWD determines it is reasonably certain that the recipient will receive a specified amount of monthly income in the SAR Payment Period..... this definition applies to both earned and unearned income."

63-502.146 - Unearned Income - "payments from government-sponsored programs.... and all other direct money payments from sources which can be construed to be a gain or benefit"

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Based on the given scenario, CDSS concurs with the county's proposed answer. The income provided by The Economic Security Project and the City of Stockton for a program study should be counted as reasonably anticipated unearned income, per ACL 12-25 and MPP Section 63-502.146, for CalFresh purposes.

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DATE RECEIVED:

02/05/2018

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:

02/07/2017